(c) During the current financial year Rs. 122.780 crore have been allocated to Uttar Pradesh under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for providing safe drinking water in rural areas. All the States including Uttar Pradesh have been requested to cover all "Not Covered" and Partially Covered habitations (1-10 LPCD) by 1997-98.

[English]

DDA Registrants

1839. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the allottees who applied for allotment of flats under different schemes of DDA have been allotted houses;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the back-log as on June 30, 1996;

(d) whether the DDA proposes to announce any new scheme for registration; and

(e) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). The DDA has reported that the flats have been offered to all the registrants of the Housing Schemes except the following registrants of LIG/MIG categories under the NPRS 1979 and AAY 1989 :

	MIG	LIG	Total
NPRS-79	18122	11868	29990
AAY-1989	6585	4576	11161
Total :	24707	16444	41151

Some of the reasons for the back-log are as under:

(i) The number of registrants under NPRS 1979 was very large i.e. 1,71,272.

(ii) Constraints in availability of land.

(iii) Delay in external electrification by DESU.

(iv) Delay in provision of water supply and sewerage facilities by the Local bodies.

(v) Occasional shortfall of building materials.

(d) and (e). The following three Schemes have been announced by the DDA in the current year :

(i) 9th Self Financing Scheme '96

(ii) Expandable Housing Scheme '96

(iii) Janta Housing Registration Scheme '96

Exploration of Gas

1840. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to mobilise resources for augmenting exploration and production activities within India from International Private Sector from 1992 onwards, what has been the actual result in terms of expenditure incurred by GOI/ONGC as compared to prior to liberalisation;

(b) the total investment in exploration and production by these companies including in drilling; and

(c) the net addition of oil and gas to the country's base of reserves because of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Power Finance Corporation

1841. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "No takers for PFC loan, funds lie unutilised" appearing in the 'Observer' dated 7th November, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) PFC's funds are not lying un-utilised and are being continuously used for extending loans mainly to the State Power Utilities. Upto 30th September, 1996, PFC has sanctioned loans for Rs. 10,198.61 crores and disbursed Rs. 6,565.63 crores. The news-item essentially relates to PFC's lending to the private sector projects.

(c) and (d). The private sector projects that have been posed to PFC have not so far reached the stage of funding by the Corporation. Government is reviewing the operations of the Corporation continuously.

Implementation of Regulation and Restriction on Deep Sea Fishing

1842. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether regulations/restrictions imposed on deep sea fishing have been effectively implemented;